Finally the member said that the Proverthi cutcherry at Karthikapally should be located in a central spot in the pakuthi.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Philipose, I shall take your representation and with the Chief Engineer shall come to Karthikapally and then you and the other member will take us round and show us all these various things. We will go into the matter on the spot.

MEMBER: Pakuthi cutcherry ?

DEWAN: The Land Revenue Commissioner is making arrangements for pakuthi cutcherries.

94. Needs of the Karunagappalli taluk.

MR. V. KRISHNASWAMI IYER (*Karunagapalli taluk, Group I*) referred to the following subjects in the course of his representation :—

(1) A bridge at the Neendakara crossing. In view of the heavy traffic between Quilon and Alleppey, a bridge was absolutely necessary at the place. The present junghar service caused great inconvenience to passengers. In bad weather the crossing was very risky and passengers were detained for hours together at the bar. Pending the construction of a bridge a motor junghar should be provided at the crossing. It was also necessary to have good rest-houses on either side of the crossing. The present thatched buildings, though useful so far as they went, were not enough. They afforded no protection against wind and rain. Two substantial buildings should therefore be put up.

(2) A substantial building should be provided for the Munsiff's court, Karunagapalli. The present thatched building should be demolished. To retain it was to run the risk of another accident. It was not at all desirable to run such a risk, in view of the proximity of the Sub-Registrar's office, the taluk office etc.

(3) The Neendakara-Karunagapalli road should be widened from the Chavara bridge up to the Sasthancotta junction.

(4) A bridge should be put up at the Kallukadavu crossing on the Karunagapally-Sasthancotta road. Sasthancotta had one of the most important markets in the State. Most of the trade in the market was from Karunagapally. Thousands of people had to cross the Kallukadavu ferry on market days. As the crossing was dangerous particularly in the rainy season, a bridge should be constructed there.

(5) Government should take up the maintenance of the road from Uppukunnu to the 4th mile of the Chavara-Sastancotta road.

(6) The road from Puthiakavu on the Karunagapalli-Kayancolam road to the Todiyur bridge should be gravelled.

(7) The silted up portions of the canal leading from the Todiyur kayal to Karukadavu should be deepened.

(8) The Karunagapalli dispensary should be converted into a hospital. Karunagapalli was one of the most densely populated taluks in the State and it was notoriously unhealthy. The number of patients attending the dispensary was very large. Only a few of them could get accommodation in the dispensary. The provision of a hospital in the place was therefore an urgent necessity.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishnaswami Aiyar, in regard to your representation about the Neendakara bar, in which you clearly brought out the need for a bridge, it is now being investigated. Borings are being made, levels and measurements taken and so on.

MEMBER: I have to bring to your notice that borings had already been taken last year.

DEWAN: Since then conditions have slightly altered. There has been a scour on one side. The sea has encroached. Therefore it was found necessary to investigate it again. As soon as the investigation is over, the question of the bridge will be taken up and funds sanctioned. It will not be treated as part of the ordinary P. W. D. but as something special.

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I will make a few general remarks which will apply to your and all other representations in the matter of roads. Government have thought it necessary to classify these roads according to some principle. First of all, there are roads which are necessary, secondly roads which will be useful and thirdly roads which are in the nature of a luxury. The Government have to devote most of their attention to the first class and in deciding whether a road is necessary or not they have to consider it in relation to the road programme of the State as a whole and not in respect of each locality by itself. In regard to roads which may be useful some of these will also be taken up every year, and that will depend largely upon the funds that are available after the necessary roads are completed.

You come to the question of widening the Neendakara-Karunagapalli road from the Chavara bridge to the junction of the Sastankotta road. The Chief Engineer has already called for an estimate for widening and easing the corners from the 7th to 11th mile.

The Chief Engineer agrees with you that in view of the heavy traffic, a bridge is desirable at Kallukadavu on the Karunagapalli-Sastancotta road. Although he agrees that this bridge is desirable, he also points out that there are much more important crossings, which have to be attended to before this is taken up.

As regards the maintenance of the road leading from Uppukunnu to the 4th mile of the Chavara-Sastancotta road, this road is not maintained by the P. W. D. at present. The Chief Engineer has promised to go and inspect it and come to a conclusion and if necessary make a report to Government.

As regards the gravelling of the road leading from Puthiakavu in the Karunagapalli-Kayancolam road to the Todiyur bridge, the Chief Engineer has just received an estimate from the Divisional Officer and he is scrutinising it. This is one of those roads that can be classified useful.

The deepening of the Todiyur kayal will be investigated. The Chief Engineer requires some further information. So that you can take the opportunity of seeing him personally and giving the information he wants.

The Government are awaiting an estimate for a new Munsiff's court at Karunagapalli.

The Administrative Board, Medical Services, to whom your representation in the matter of converting the dispensary into a hospital was referred report that there is already sufficient accommodation for in-patients and that there is no necessity at present to raise this dispensary into a hospital.

MEMBER: About the erection of the rest house on both sides of the Neendakara bar.

DEWAN: Yes. That is a very good suggestion. I shall instruct the Chief Engineer to put up two good buildings there.

As regards a steam and a motor ferry service let it wait till we decide whether there should be a bridge. If a bridge is going to be constructed, there is hardly any need for incurring this expenditure.

95. Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk, Group II.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Karunagapalli taluk, Group II*) dealt with the following needs of the Karunagapalli taluk:

(1) The village road leading from Vallikavu to the Kottapuzha-Todiyur road should be metalled. There were also two other roads which should be metalled *viz* the road from Puthiakavu to Chakoli and the Ayiramtengu-Tamaracolam road from Oachira onwards. Besides, a new road should be opened from the Kuttumvatukal ferry at Putupalli to the main road to the west of the Puthiadatu temple, *via* Vatakkeanjilimudu. Another need of the taluk was the deepening and widening of the canal from Pattukadavu to Champakadavu.

The member also referred to the following subjects: the provision of a suitable building for the Munsiff's court at Karunagapalli and also the transfer of the Magistrate's court from Chavara to Padanayarkulangara.

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